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In re Patent Application of: Daisaku Shimazaki et al.

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For: Layered Network Node, Network

Incorporating The Same, Node, And Layered

Network

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 34 of this paper.